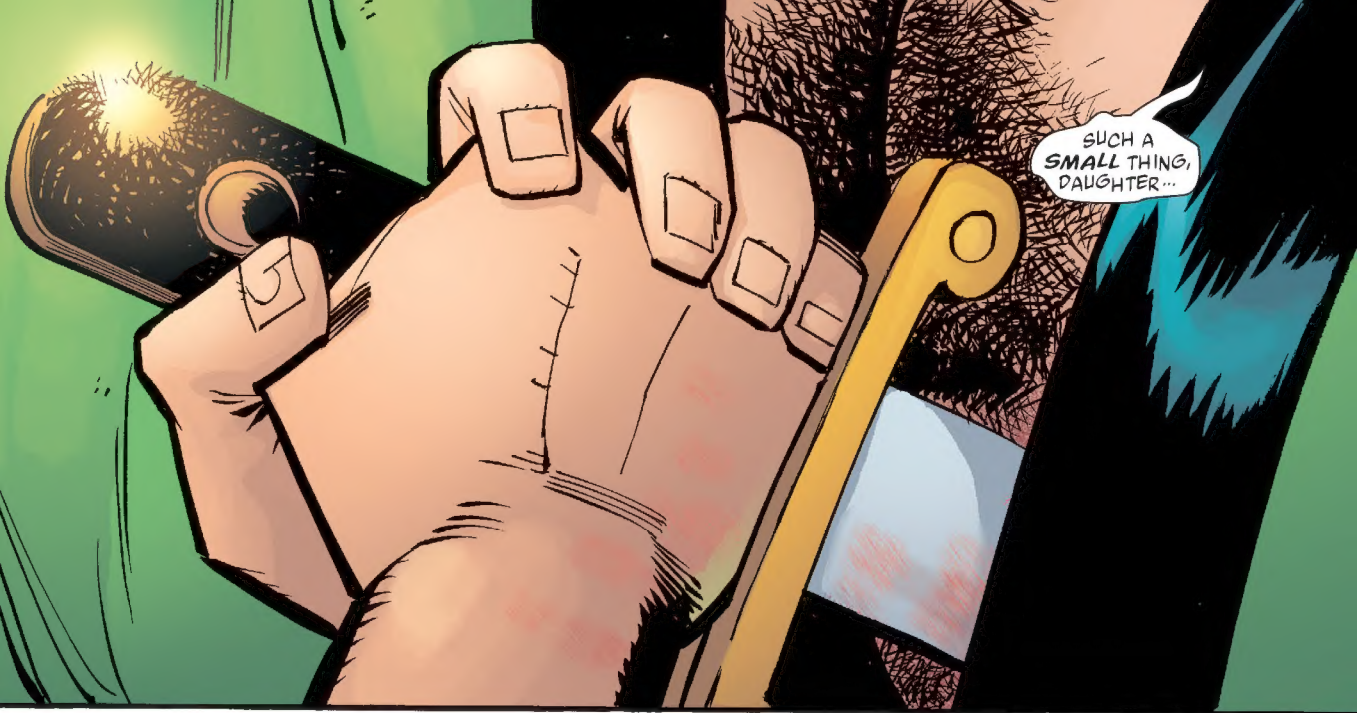










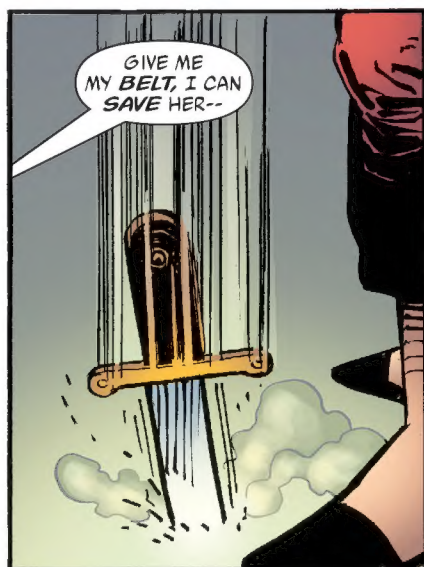
...LONG LIVE THE DEMON'S HEAD.

...LONG LIVE THE DEMON'S HEAD.

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...LONG LIVE THE DEMON'S HEAD.







DAMN--
GHNNH--
YOU!!

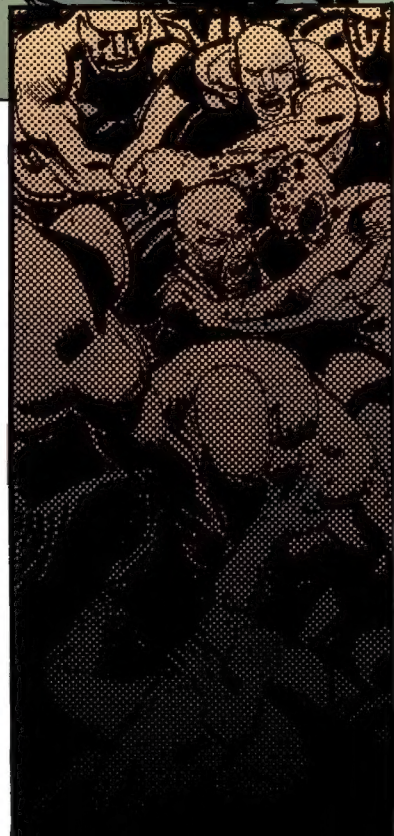
DON'T--
HNNHH--YOU
FEEL ANYTHING
AT ALL?

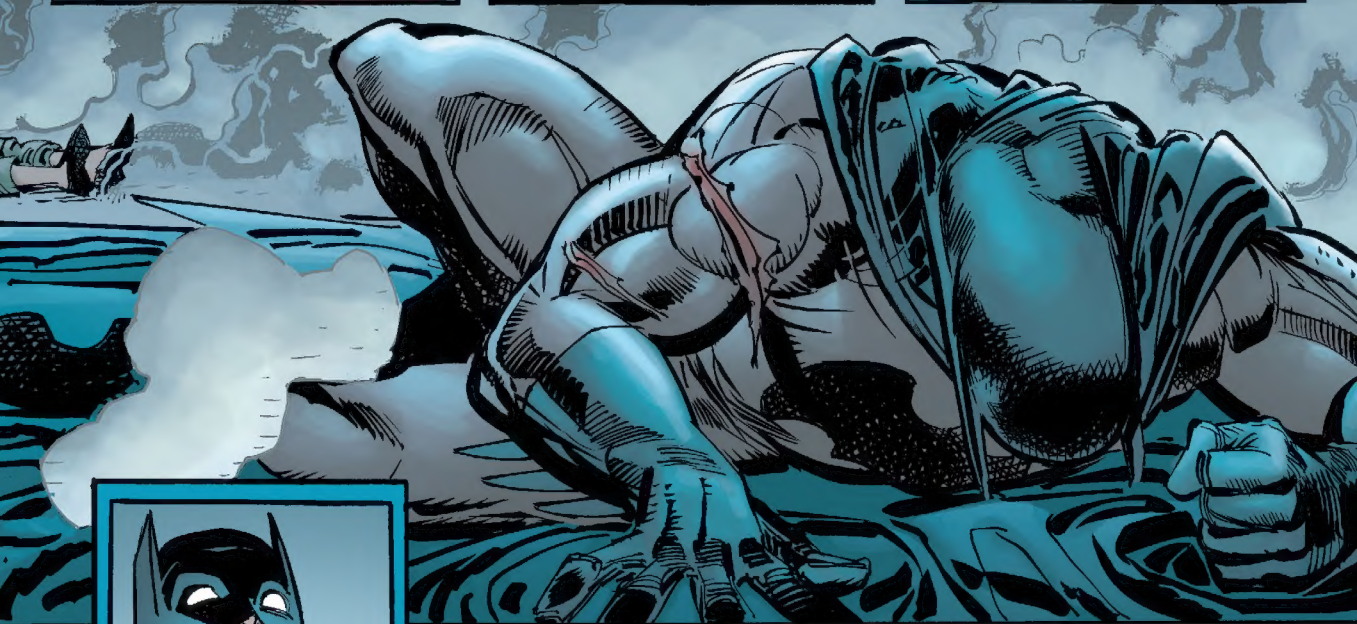
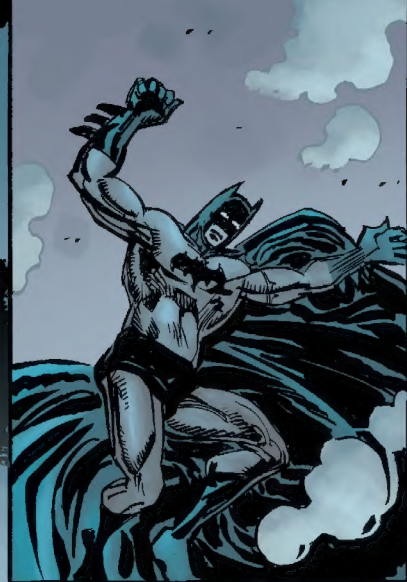
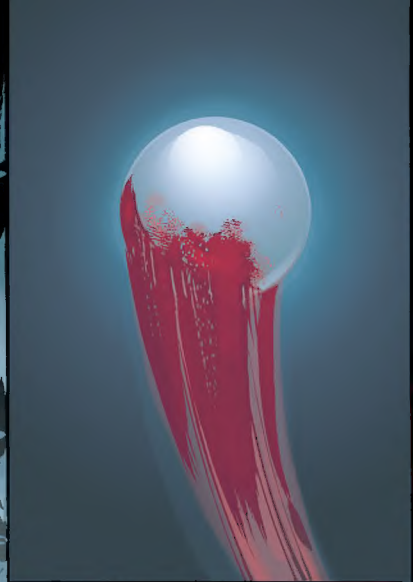


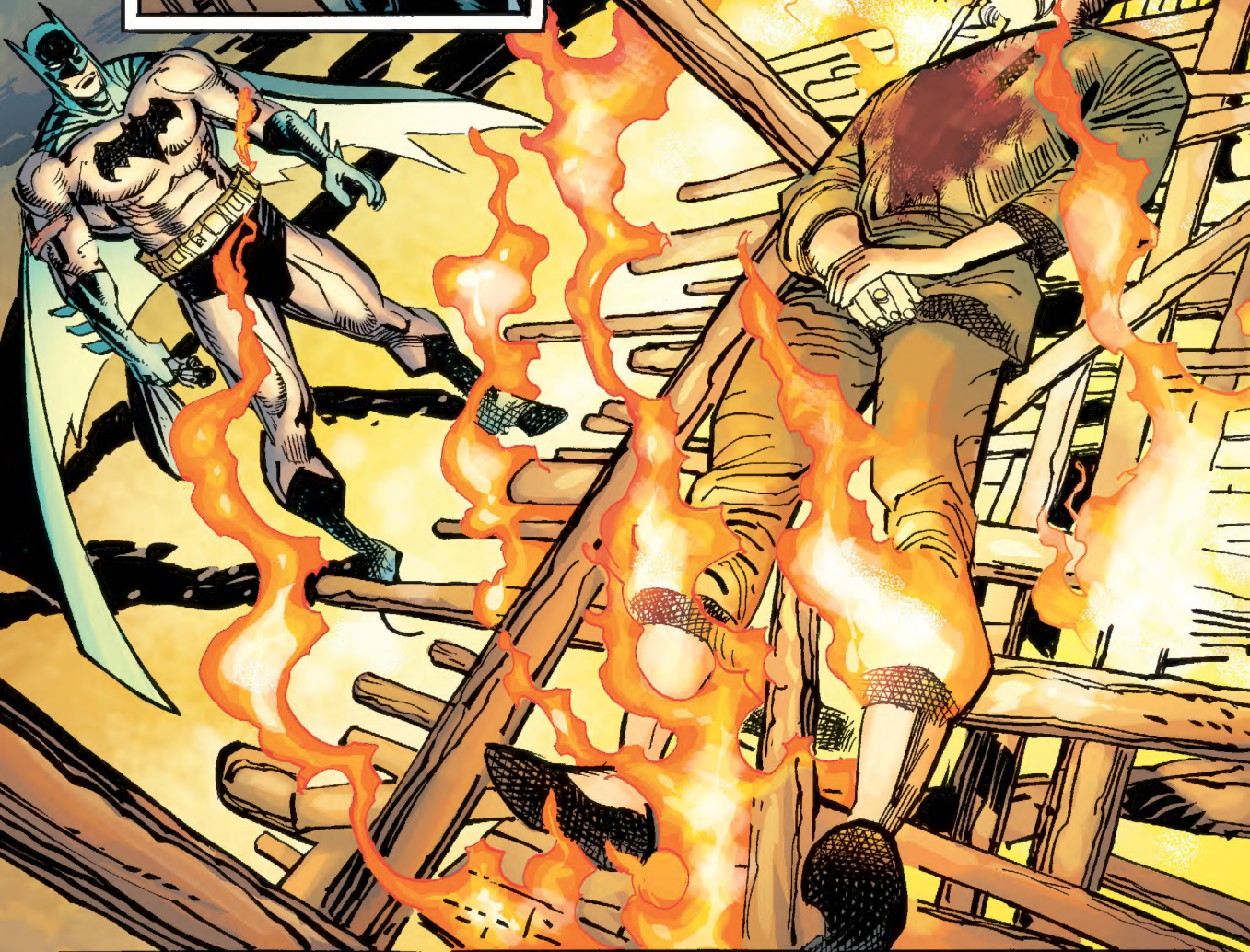
YES.
I DO.



MORE THAN
YOU CAN IMAGINE,
DETECTIVE.







"I ALMOST HESITATE
TO SUGGEST THIS,
MASTER BRUCE..."

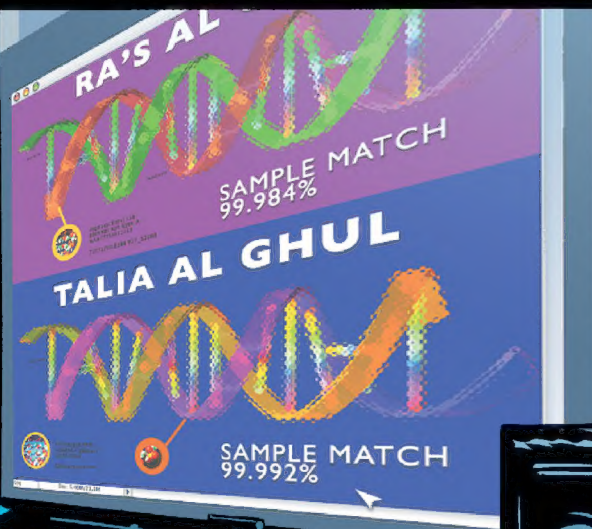
...BUT
PERHAPS
TAKING THE NIGHT
OFF MIGHT BE IN
ORDER?

ANALYSIS
COMPLETE.

OR NOT.



THAT
ANSWERS
THAT, I
SUPPOSE.





WERE THEIR IDENTITIES EVER TRULY IN **DOUBT?**

RA'S **ORCHESTRATED** THE WHOLE THING, ALFRED.

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

AS YOU YOURSELF HAVE RECENTLY **LEARNED**, I DARESAY.



IT WAS AN **HALLUCINATION**, THAT'S ALL. A **DRUG-INDUCED DREAM.**

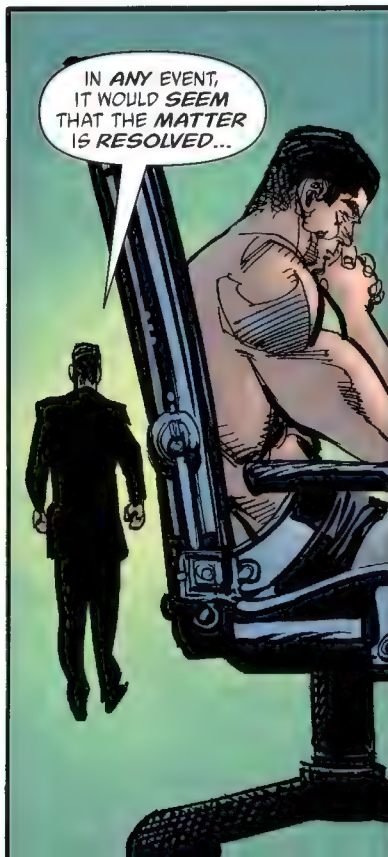
I **SAW** WHAT I WANTED TO SEE.

SO YOU KEEP SAYING.

BUT AS YOU **JUST SAID**, SIR...



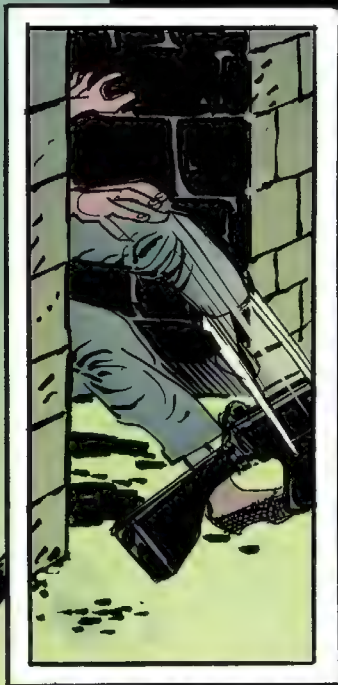
...WITH RA'S AL GHUL, **ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.**

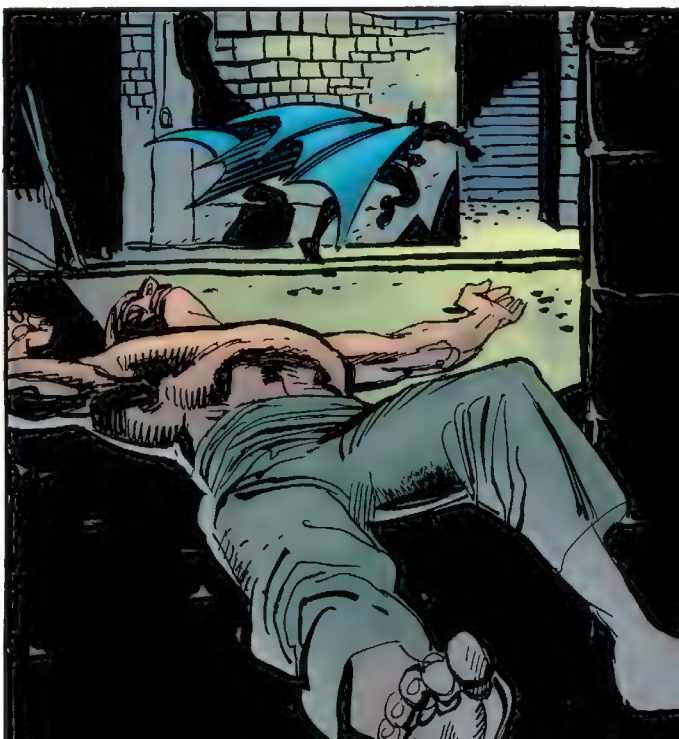
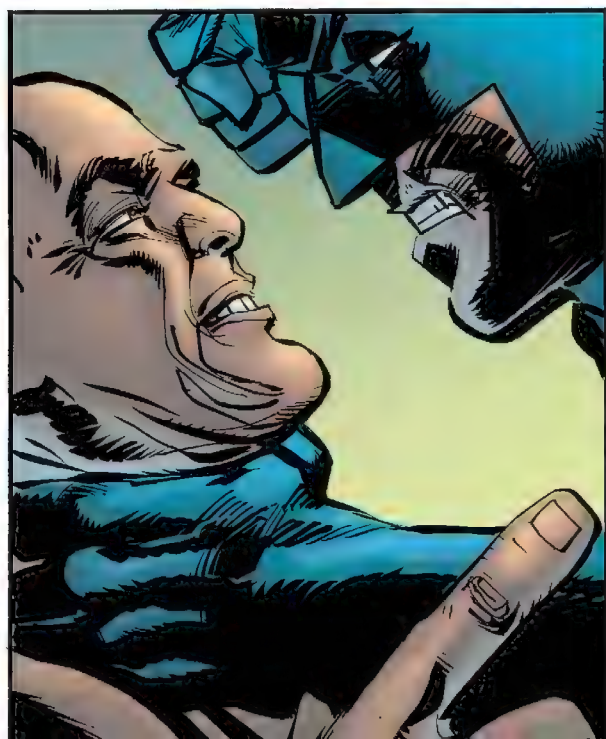
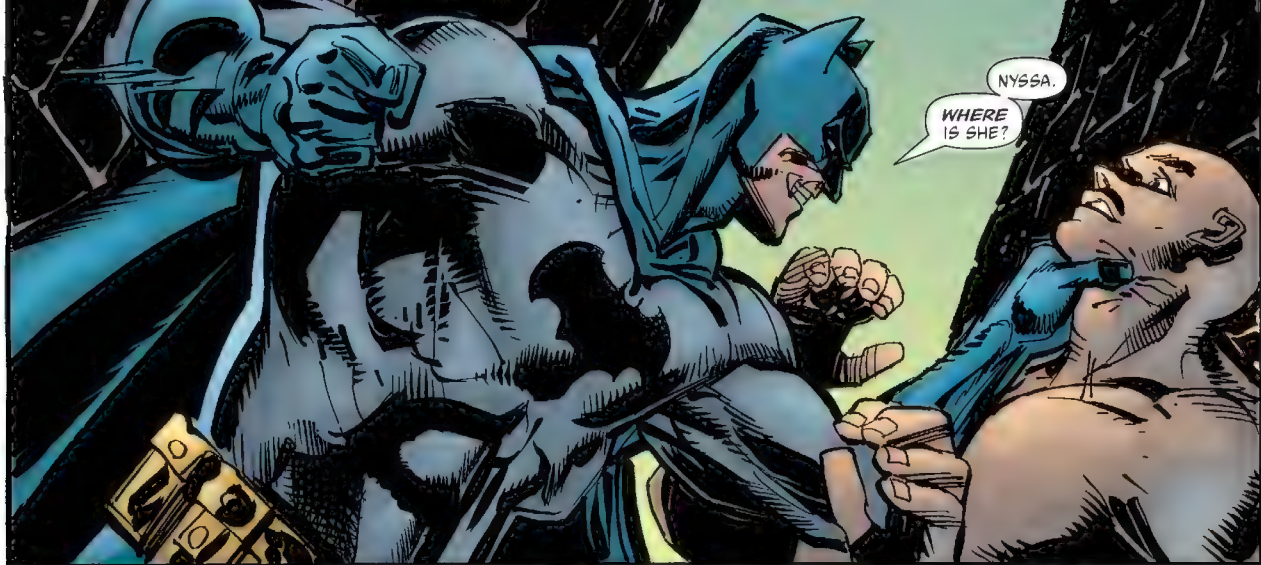


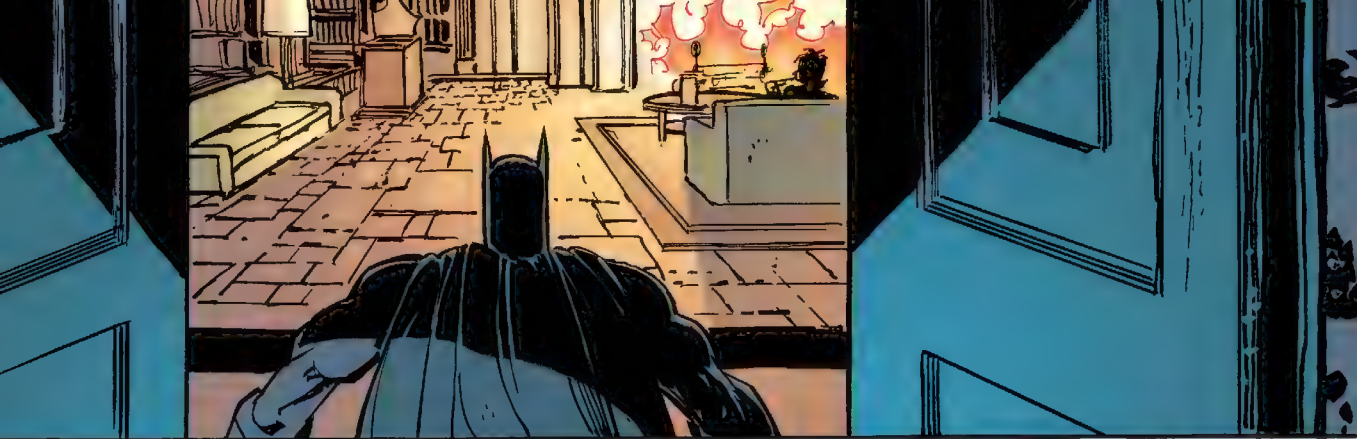
IN **ANY EVENT**, IT WOULD **SEEM** THAT THE **MATTER** IS **RESOLVED...**



...AT LEAST FOR THE TIME **BEING.**









AH, I SEE.

THAT'S THE
SECOND TIME I'VE
UNDERESTIMATED YOU.



IT'LL
BE THE
LAST.

YOU
HAVE A LOT
TO **ANSWER**
FOR.

WITHOUT
QUESTION. BUT
NOT TO YOU.



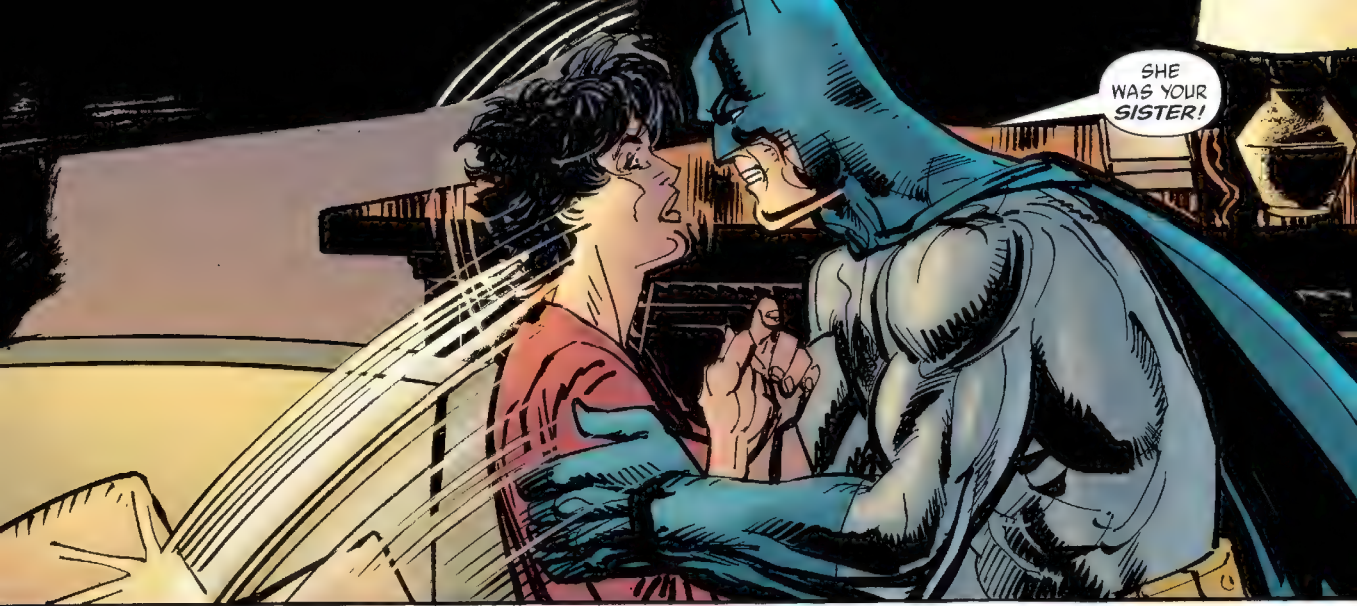
WHAT DID RA'S SAY
TO YOU? BEFORE HE
DIED, WHAT DID
HE SAY?



AND TALIA?
WHAT HAPPENED
TO HER?

WHO?





SHE
WAS YOUR
SISTER!



HE WAS
YOUR
FATHER!



AND YOU,
YOU SMILE
LIKE IT'S A
JOKE.

DON'T
YOU REALIZE
WHAT YOU'VE
LOST?



DON'T YOU
DARE SPEAK
TO ME OF LOSS,
DETECTIVE.

I HAVE
LOST MORE THAN
YOU WILL EVER
HAVE!



AND I WILL
MAKE THE WORLD
PAY FOR IT.

I WILL MAKE
THE WORLD PAY
UNTIL IT WEEPS
TEARS OF
BLOOD.



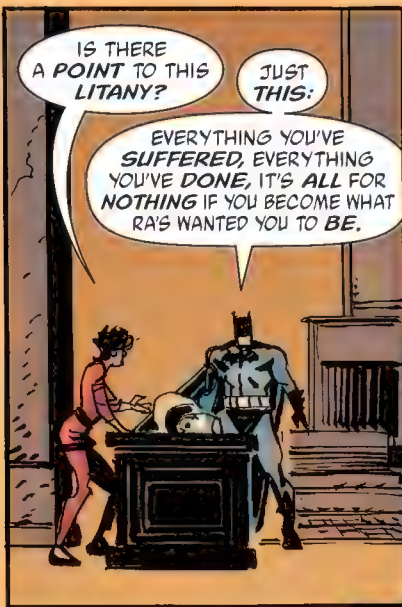
NYSSA
RAATKO,
BORN SAINT
PETERSBURG,
JANUARY
1775.

NEXT
REFERENCE,
1833, BOSTON, NYSSA
RAATKO SPONSORS
MEETINGS OF WILLIAM
LLOYD GARRISON'S
ABOLITION
MOVEMENT.

NEXT REFERENCE,
1923, PARIS, THE SALON OF
NYSSA RAATKO KNOWN FOR
ITS **GENEROSITY** AND
SUPPORT OF THE ARTS.

NEXT REFERENCE,
KIEV, 1925, WEDDING OF
ALEKSANDR IVANOVICH GURENKO
TO NYSSA RAATKO.

DAUGHTER
HANNAH BORN--



IS THERE
A **POINT** TO THIS
LITANY?

JUST
THIS:

EVERYTHING YOU'VE
SUFFERED, EVERYTHING
YOU'VE **DONE**, IT'S **ALL** FOR
NOTHING IF YOU BECOME WHAT
RA'S WANTED YOU TO **BE**.



HIS
LEGACY IS
A **CURSE**,
NYSSA.

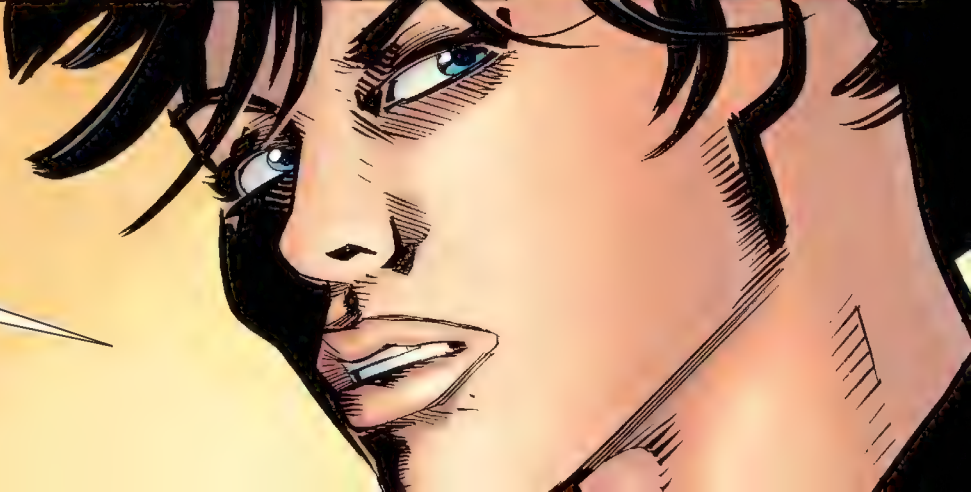
LET
THERE BE **NO**
MORE **BLOOD**
SHED IN THE
NAME OF THE
DEMON'S
HEAD.



I AM MY
FATHER'S DAUGHTER,
DETECTIVE.

HIS **LEGACY**
IS NOW **MINE**, AND
WHAT I DO, I DO
FOR **HIM**.

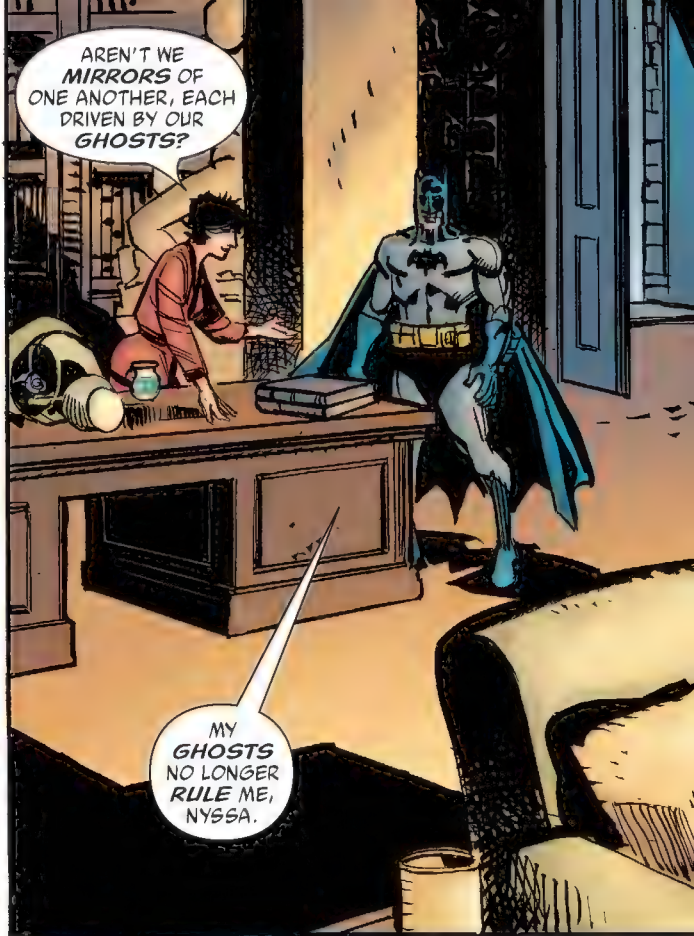
WHAT I
DO, I DO FOR
THE GREATER
GOOD.





AND ISN'T THAT **EXACTLY** WHAT YOU DO? A **SLAVE** TO THE MEMORY OF YOUR PARENTS?

ISN'T THAT THE VERY **REASON** FOR YOUR **EXISTENCE** NOW?



AREN'T WE **MIRRORS** OF ONE ANOTHER, EACH DRIVEN BY OUR **GHOSTS**?

MY **GHOSTS** NO LONGER **RULE** ME, NYSSA.



THEY GIVE ME **STRENGTH**, AND THEY GIVE ME **COMFORT**. BUT THEY HAVE NO POWER OVER ME.

I AM WHO I AM BECAUSE IT IS WHO I **CHOOSE** TO BE.

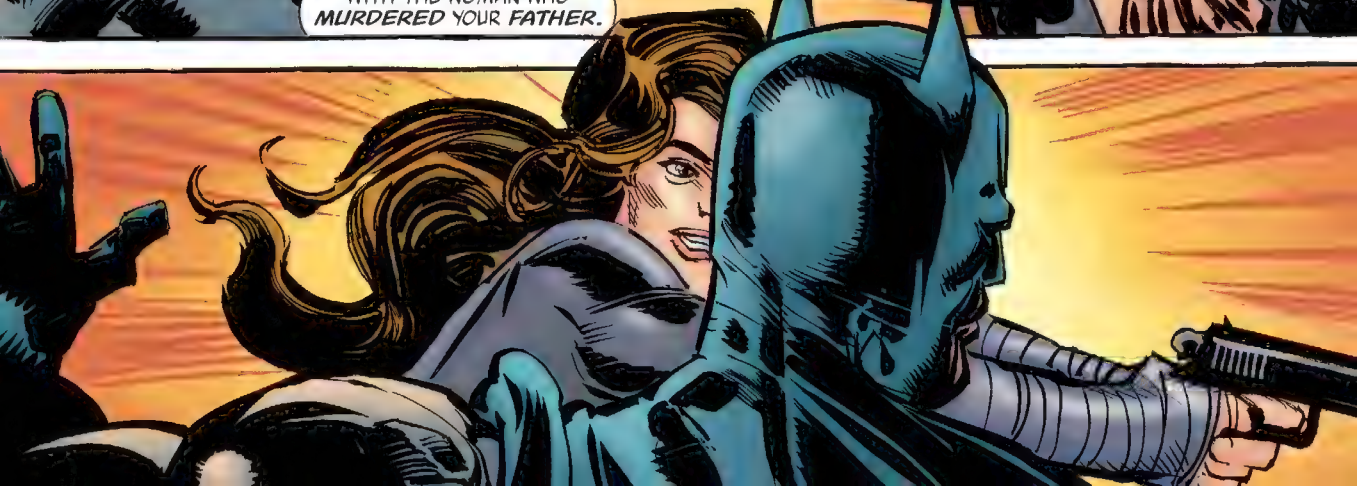
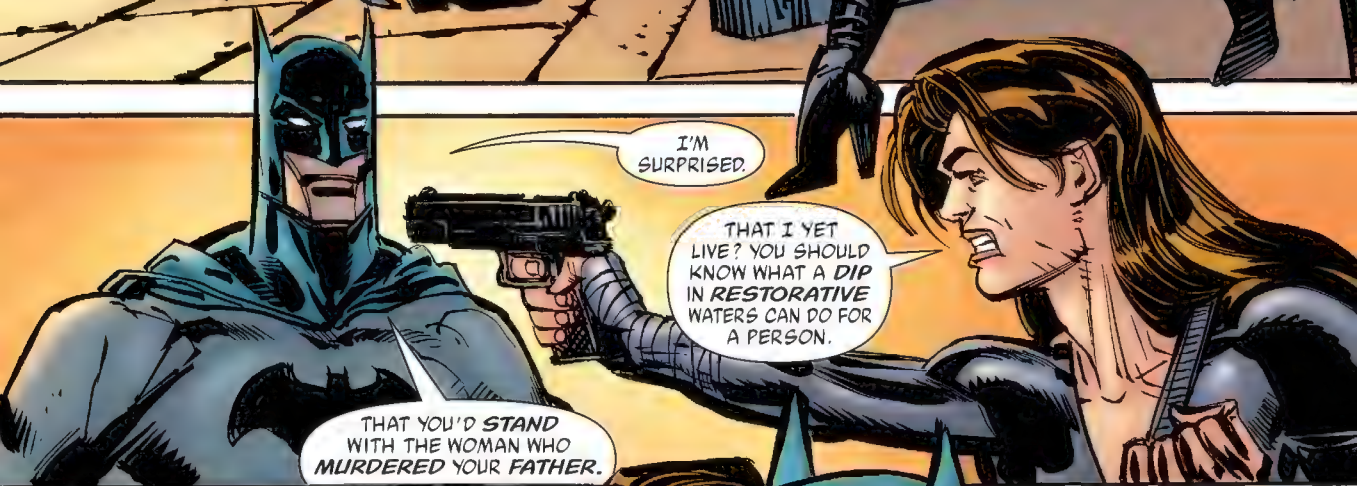


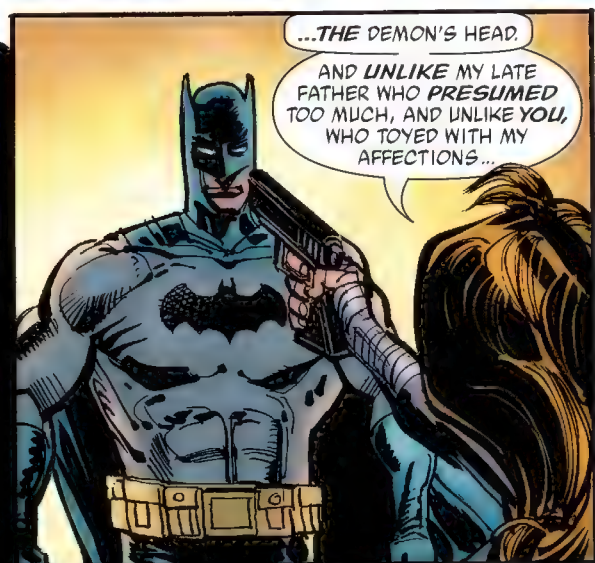
THEN I THINK YOU ARE VERY **LUCKY**.

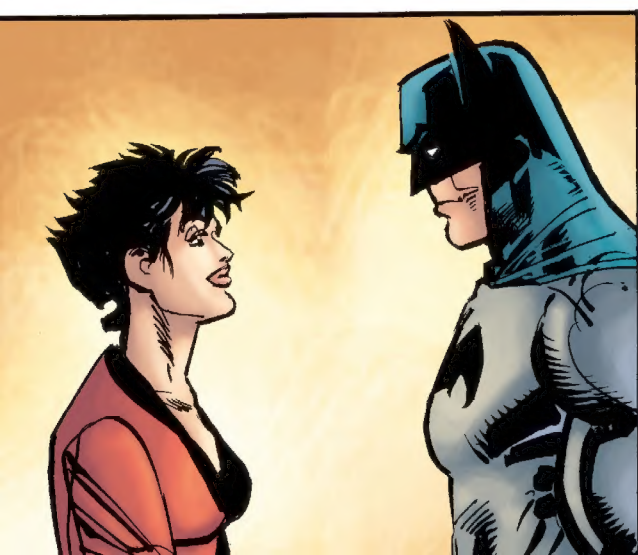
FOR **SOME** OF US, IT TURNS OUT WE **NEVER** HAD A **CHOICE** IN THE MATTER.

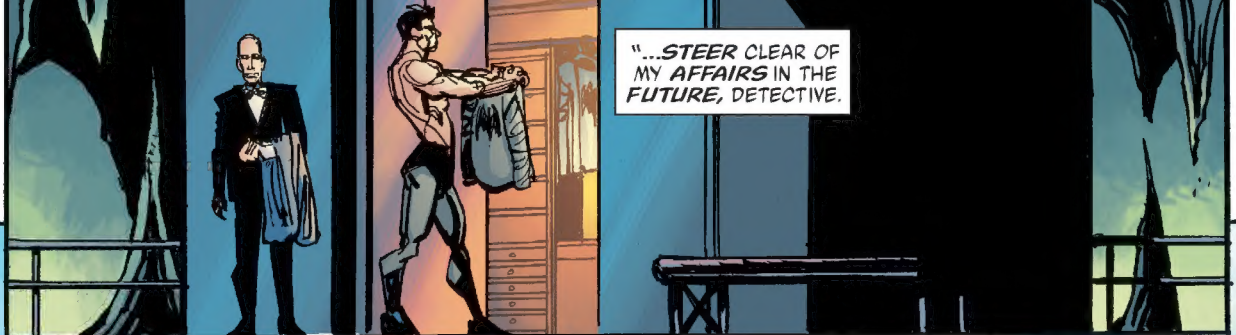


DON'T YOU **AGREE**, LITTLE SISTER?









"...**STEER** CLEAR OF MY AFFAIRS IN THE FUTURE, DETECTIVE.



"FROM THIS DAY FORTH, WE ARE **ENEMIES**."



"AND I WILL **NOT** MAKE MY FATHER'S MISTAKES WHERE YOU ARE **CONCERNED**."



"I WILL **NOT** FAIL HIM."



YOU ALREADY **HAVE**."

the
end



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